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RUHR DEVELOPMENTS.

French Comments on British Attitude.

A PARLIAMENTARY MOTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, February 14.

Commenting on Mr. Bonar Law's speech, the newspapers declare that the statement that France did not wish to see Germany strong enough to pay reparations is the reverse of the truth. On the contrary France does not wish to see Germany become strong enough to refuse to pay. While the cordiality of Mr. Bonar Law's tone towards France is appreciated, it is regretted that he failed accurately to appreciate France's situation. It is asserted that German recalcitrancy has been encouraged by British neutrality, and it is urged that British co-operation with the French and Belgians would end German resistance. It is alternatively suggested that Britain might persuade Germany to accept a *fait accompli* so as to enable a discussion to be held towards a final settlement.

Paris, February 14.

M. Le Troquer, the Minister for Public Works, and General Payot, are going to London this afternoon to confer with the British Government with regard to utilisation of the railways in the British zone of occupied Germany.

Paris, February 14.

Thirty-two residents of Gelsenkirchen have been arrested. British Comment.

London, February 14.

The *Manchester Guardian* correspondent at Essen states that the wholesale deportations following conferences between M. Le Troquer and General Weyand are part of a deliberate policy of removing the German civil authorities and replacing them by French and Belgian officials, nevertheless the passive resistance of the population is hardening. With few exceptions, there has been hardly any violence, even of speech, and the false heroics filling the Berlin newspapers find no echo here. One constantly hears the phrase "if we win, then all wars henceforth will be meaningless." There is, however, a dangerous growing tendency to deal with waverers by mob law. Thus the personnel of the Kaiserhof Hotel, were compelled to join the boycott of the French because they were scared by threats. The leadership in the passive resistance campaign has passed into the hands of Labour, whose organisations are responsible for plastering the walls at Essen with labels calling upon the people to resist.

French Ambassador's Comments.

London, February 14.

The French Ambassador, addressing the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, asked what would be the effect if France, who was Britain's most important customer, were crushed by the burden of debt incurred firstly to repel German aggression and secondly to restore the devastated territory. France had received practically nothing from Germany and on the contrary had advanced Germany over a hundred thousand million francs. It was an incredible and scandalous paradox that France should be obliged to become a debtor for her aggressor, whose productive power was retained intact. Britain would have acted more firmly and quickly.

Essen, February 14.

Everywhere there are signs of the exhaustion of French patience. When the last employees of the Kaiserhof Hotel evacuated the place yesterday, the electric light was cut off at the central power station. Attempts at persuasion failing, French troops occupied the station in the evening and arrested the management. General Fournier has written to the Burgomaster of Essen announcing the intention of applying sanctions in consequence of the shopkeeping boycott.

London, February 14.

News from the Ruhr indicates increasing strictness of the French. A strong French force entered Gelsenkirchen and demanded the surrender of six policemen involved in an affray. Several others were arrested owing to their attitude while the detachment was passing with its prisoners. The French are severely penalising Gelsenkirchen owing to sabotage and interfering with telegraph and telephone communication with Paris, and are also punishing Bochum for the refusal by the authorities to allow the requisition of motor-cars and a threat to murder the chauffeurs if the cars be requisitioned. The punishment of recalcitrant police and other officials continues. The Burgomaster and Chief of Police Von Winkel have been expelled. The court at Bredonay has sentenced the police secretary to two months' imprisonment and a fine of a hundred thousand marks for refusing to carry out his duties.

Parliamentary Motion.

London, February 14.

In the House of Commons a joint Asquithian and National Liberal amendment to the Address will be moved by Mr. Fisher and is expected to be supported by Sir John Simon and Mr. Lloyd George. It declares that, inasmuch as the future peace of Europe cannot be safeguarded nor the recovery of reparations promoted by the Franco-Belgian operations in the Ruhr, it is urgently necessary to seek effective securities against aggression by international guarantees under the League of Nations, and invite the Council of the League of Nations without delay to appoint a commission of experts to report on the capacity of Germany to pay reparations, and the best method of effecting such payment, and in view of the recent indications of willingness by the Government of the United States to participate in a conference on this subject, the British representatives on the Council of the League be instructed to urge that the American Government be invited to appoint an expert to sit on the commission.

Cologne, February 14.

An agreement has practically been concluded by the Inter-Allied railway sub-commission regarding the readjustment of the railway difficulty. The details are not divulged, but it is announced significantly that if the important key section of the railway be handed over to the French no precedent would be established thereby, since the boundaries of the occupied areas have frequently been readjusted.

Paris, February 14.

A message from Duesseldorf states that in consequence of the growing effervescence of the population, especially at Bochum, Castrop, Herne and Recklinghausen, the French have decided to disarm the security police, who have become more hostile and transform them into municipal police.

A Cologne message says that in the past month in the occupied territory eighty-six newspapers have been suspended for varying periods, and twenty-eight have been prohibited entering the occupied zone. Seven more papers were suspended to-day.

THE FRENCH LOAN.

Paris, February 14.

The objects of the loan of thirteen milliard francs is to pay off the five milliard francs of the Treasury Bonds maturing in June, and meet estimated expenses for the reconstruction of the liberated regions.

FAR EASTERN MAILS STOLEN.

From Paris-Marseilles Express.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, February 14.

The police are investigating the theft of a number of mail bags on the 10th. instant from the Marseilles-Paris express conveying mails from the Far East and America. The extent of the robbery has not yet been determined.

THE LUXOR TREASURES.

Luxor, February 14.

Tourists are already thronging the Valley of the Kings, and their numbers are increasing daily following announcement of the decision to open the sealed chamber of Tut-ankh-Amen's tomb on February 13. The occasion will be one of great ceremony, attended by Lord and Lady Allenby and the Queen of the Belgians, who arrives at Alexandria on February 16. It is hoped that King Fuad will send a detachment of his bodyguard of picked Egyptian troops as a guard of honour. The work of clearing the outer chamber has been speeded up, and treasures have been brought out, including elaborately-decorated chariots, a lion-headed couch state robes, lotus birds, strange heraldic animals, and bizarre artistic designs.

A GRAVE RUMOUR.

New York, February 14.

Large crowds gathered at the military cemetery at Brooklyn to witness the official reopening of the grave of an obscure Russian, which it is alleged contained the Russian crown jewels. Several attempts have recently been made to rob the grave, necessitating a military guard at the grave day and night for many weeks. The company of soldiers who opened the grave to-day ascertained that the rumour were baseless, as nothing of value was found.

INTERNATIONAL COURT PROPOSAL.

Washington, February 14.

Senator Borah has introduced a resolution in the Senate proposing an International Court to settle the controversies of all nations thereof pledged to punish their own war breeders and war profiteers. Senator Borah explained that the proposal was founded on an opposite principle to the League of Nations, since the decrees would be enforced by public opinions, and not by arms.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

London, February 14.

In London exchanges have been quiet during the past few days. The closing prices to-day are: French francs 78.05, Belgian 83.5, Italian lire 98, German marks improved 101,000 to 107,000, and sterling in New York 4.67 3/4.

DEARER SUGAR.

London, February 14.

Following a rise in the price of sugar in France and America, wholesale dealers on the Clyde have asked for an advance of six shillings a hundredweight.

A LEGACY FOR THE KING.

London, February 14.

The late Lord Marcus Beresford left £35,841. He bequeathed all his racehorses and brood mares to H.M. the King.

AN IRISH PARADOX.

London, February 14.

Mary MacSwiney has been released, and the Irish republican offices have been reopened.

FEWER UNEMPLOYED.

London, February 14.

Unemployment last week improved by 24,000.

SUN'S TROOPS MOVING ON TO CANTON.

Shiuhing Reported in Flames.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Feb. 14.

The last few days there has been a lull in the situation. It was hoped that nothing further of a disturbing nature would occur until after the New Year, at the earliest.

However, the troops of Sun Yat-sen, who have been concentrating at Kowloon, have apparently begun to advance, and it is reported to-day on good authority that the 4th Cantonese Army have reached Shiuhing, which was the place to which the Kwangsi troops, under Gen. Li Yik-piu, retreated. The town is reported to be in flames.

Nothing unusual has so far occurred in Canton, and the Canton-Kowloon Railway began running through expresses to Kowloon yesterday.

The Treasury is empty and efforts are being made to raise a loan of \$30,000 from the merchants on the security of the Wine and Tobacco Tax. The money is urgently required to pay the staff for the New Year.

SUN YAT-SEN.

Departure from Shanghai.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, February 15. Dr. Sun Yat-sen, with a party of eight members of the Kuomintang sailed en route for Canton this morning on the s.s. President Jefferson.

A FUKIEN PROTEST.

Peking, February 14.—The Provincial Assembly of Fukien has telegraphically protested against General Sun Chuang-fang bringing a large army into the province, which is unnecessary in view of the cessation of trouble. —Reuter.

FUNDS FOR PEKING.

Peking, Feb. 14.—The Banking Group this morning released the January salt surplus totalling five millions and made a February surplus advance of a million and a half. —Reuter.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.

London, February 14.—In the Scottish League, Motherwell beat Third Lanark by 2 goals to 1. —Reuter.

KOWLOON TRAGEDY.

Revenue Officer Found Dead.

SUFFOCATED IN HIS BATHROOM.

A distressing tragedy was revealed in Kowloon this morning, when Mr. Mowbray Arthur Hancock, a young revenue officer, was discovered dead in the bathroom of No. 3A, Armand Buildings, death being evidently the result of accidental carbonic oxide gas poisoning.

It appears that the deceased went to his bath shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, and as he did not appear at breakfast at the usual hour the houseboy became alarmed and sought the help of the residents of an adjoining flat, who, on arriving, could get no response from the bathroom. They then smashed in the door of the bathroom and found deceased lying on the floor. Dr. Bailean was immediately summoned and he appeared on the scene within a few minutes. Artificial respiration was tried, but without effect.

It seems that the deceased had been in the bathroom for some time, having shaved before getting into the bath, and that during most of this time the geyser had been in use. It is thought that the oxygen in the air had been consumed by the geyser, setting up carbonic oxide gas, from the effects of which the deceased became faint, fell to the floor and never recovered consciousness. He had evidently made an attempt to reach the door, as when found he was lying face downwards with the key underneath his body. We understand that a post mortem examination is to be held, the body having been removed to the mortuary shortly after the discovery of the tragedy.

The late Mr. Hancock, who was a single man, would have been 30 years of age on the 24th. of this month. He came out East from England in 1911 as an apprentice in the merchant marine. Later he joined the Chinese Customs, and was then for a time employed at Hoi's Wharf in Kowloon. He entered the local Government service as a revenue officer, on probation, in June last year. He was of a quiet disposition and was greatly liked by all who knew him.

The deceased was in his usual health this morning. Last night he visited the Chinese New Year Fair in Hongkong with a friend. His sudden and tragic death, at an early age, is deeply regretted by his many friends, and the utmost sympathy will be felt for his relatives at home.

MONEY LOST.

New Year Incidents.

In connection with the yearly settlement of accounts amongst the Chinese firms two interesting occurrences have been reported to the police. In the one case, it was stated that a shop coolie was yesterday sent out from a money changer's shop at No. 229, Queen's Road West to pay a sum of \$315 to another money changer's shop in Queen's Road Central. On the way he is said to have been stopped when opposite the Central Market and attacked by four or five men. The money, which was in ten cent pieces and contained in a bag slung over his shoulder, was taken away from him.

Alleging that he had been deceived and robbed by a clansman, the complainant in the other affair which occurred also yesterday afternoon, said that he had entrusted to him a sum of \$2,000 by his employer to take to a printer's shop in Queen's Road West. He met the clansman in Lyndhurst Terrace and handed the money over to him to hold whilst he went into a pawnshop to redeem certain articles. It was foolish of him to do so, as when he came out again the clansman had disappeared with the money.

OUR GROWING PORT.

Interesting Figures at Waterboat Meeting.

The rate at which Hongkong is increasing in importance as a port was illustrated at the eighteenth annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Ltd., which was held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., this morning. No less than 540,000 tons of water were supplied by the Company last year, an increase of 39,000 tons. The Company reached their record in January this year, when they supplied over 56,000 tons.

Mr. T. G. Weall presided and there also present the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Messrs. W. Adamson, C.J.F.Q. van Ufford, K. H. Kamel (Consulting Committee), W. Gray (Acting Secretary), W. C. van Eps, A.S. Ellis and G. R. Edwards (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—The report and accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The profit on trading for the year amounts to \$3,711,63, to which must be added profit on the sale of shares, interest, dividends, etc. After writing off depreciation on your fleet and setting aside sums for special repairs and insurance fund as considered necessary by general managers and approved by the consulting committee to the extent of \$37,010.80, there remains a balance of \$33,686, which, with last year's carry forward, leaves the sum of \$39,662.74 to be dealt with at this meeting.

The superintendent reports that your fleet has been maintained in good order, two of the older boats have been thoroughly overhauled during the year at an expense of about \$24,000. This expense you will recollect was provided for last year in special repairs account. There remains one more boat to be re-conditioned at an estimated cost of \$12,000. This boat is now under repair, and special repairs account this expense by the transfer of \$10,000. The new boat No. 7 was commissioned on the 19th of August and has proved very satisfactory. The remainder of your fleet have been regularly docked and kept in first-class condition out of current revenue. You will notice that \$14,010.80 has been written off the value of waterboats and this is on the usual scale.

Small repairs were necessitated to the pipes and staving at Liki-chi-kok during the typhoon season and as we shall have to remove these when the new Government basin is ready, your committee have considered it necessary to write down the value by \$2,000. The demand for water is still increasing, chiefly on account of the numerous large passenger steamers now using this port. We were called upon last year to supply no less than 540,000 tons, an increase of 39,000 over the previous year. I regret that this increase is not reflected in your profit on working. First of all, as your chairman warned you last year, the Government have increased the cost of water by 100 per cent. Extra expenses and decreased revenues were occasioned by the strike, while running expenses have been considerably increased owing to advances in crews' wages, etc. Towards the end of the year we were obliged to advance the price of water to our consumers, but this is not fully reflected in the accounts for the period under review.

With your increased fleet, it has been considered wise to add to the insurance fund, which has been brought up to \$40,000 by the addition of \$10,000. The total carrying capacity of your fleet, allowing for one boat to be off duty, is at present about 1,600 tons. Last year our daily supply amounted to approximately 1,500 tons, including Sundays and holidays. As the demand is by no means regular, we are frequently called upon to supply up to 3,000 tons per day, which necessitates working the boats and crew night and day, making it extremely difficult to keep the boats clean or lay them up for necessary painting and repairs. In January this year,

we supplied over 36,000 tons, which constitutes a record. Any delay in our services detrimental to our reputation and your committee have approved the purchase of another new boat which has been put in hand and will be commissioned about the middle of the year. I trust our policy in this respect will meet with your approval.

I was asked recently by a shareholder why we considered it necessary to build up such a large investment. My answer, account, and as there may be some misunderstanding on this point, I would explain that it has always been the practice of this Company to show investments at their market value, writing off any appreciation to investment fluctuation account so that this account reflects the enhanced value of your securities since date of purchase. You will, I am sure, agree that this cannot be distributed as profit unless actually realised and it might be better in future to follow the practice adopted by other companies of showing investments at book value, inserting market value in a footnote.

I do not think there is anything in the accounts or report calling for further comment from me. I consider we are to be congratulated on having been able to supply the essential needs of regular customers during the strike at usual prices, and thanks are due to our European staff and to the excellent work done by numerous volunteers who assisted in manning the boats. Some of our competitors were charging three or four times normal prices.

After making the provisions enumerated above we have, as I have said, the sum of \$39,662.74 to be dealt with, and your Committee recommend the payment of a dividend of \$1.25, per share absorbing \$34,553.75, leaving a balance of \$5,008.99 to carry forward to new account.

Before moving the adoption of the accounts and report, I shall be glad to answer any questions to the best of my ability. Mr. A. S. Ellis seconded the report and accounts were adopted. On the proposition of Mr. Adamson, seconded by Mr. van Ufford, Mr. C. Bernard Brown was re-elected auditor.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

A syndicate is prepared to purchase chances in Derby sweepstakes.—Page 4.

Important resolutions on the Housing Question will be brought forward at a public meeting on the 23rd. inst.—Page 4.

Notices concerning the tickets of admission etc. at the forthcoming race meeting, are given on page 4.

The Dairy Farm Co. have received stocks of Kraft Cheese.—Page 7.

"The Prodigal Judge" is being screened at the Coronet Theatre.—Page 12.

A Fancy Dress Ball will be given again this year under the auspices of the S.P.C.A.—Page 4.

Consumers of electricity in Kowloon should read the notice on page 4.

LISTEN!

This isn't the year when you can afford to waste customers' Advertisements.

Particulars of forthcoming public auction sales are given on page 4.

"Doctor Jim" is the title of the current feature at the World Theatre.—Page 12.

Found! Brindle bull dog.—Page 4.

Consignees are notified of the arrival of the s.s. "City of Simla".—Page 4.

"Stepping Out" is the attraction at the Star Theatre.—Page 12.

"Schweppe's" Lemon-Squash is on sale in Hongkong.—Page 4.

At the Kowloon Theatre, the principal feature is "The White Dove".—Page 12.

To-day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 2 1/2 d. Lighting Up Time to-day 6.20 p.m.

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A LOVE EPISODE.

Sequel in Court.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon Li Wah-ty, a motor car driver, was charged with taking away a girl under the age of 21 without the permission of her lawful guardian and with harboring her. The girl is Yu Hou-yin, 19 years of age. She lived at 5 Macdonnell Road, the residence of Mr. Ho Cheuk, up to the 25th January, when she left to go to the defendant's house in Park Street, Yau-mat.

Mr. A. E. Wood, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted Mr. R. E. A. Webster for the girl.

On the 25th January, Mr. Webster said that the girl was a member of the family. She was given education. The defendant was until lately a motor car driver employed by Mr. Ho Cheuk. Evidence would be given to show that the girl met the defendant in the Botanical Gardens one morning and the suggestion was made by the latter that she go to him at the Motor Drivers' Union at 1 p.m. on the 25th January, and then they would go away and live together. The appointment was kept by the girl. Defendant took her over to Kowloon and thence to his home in Park Street. After staying with the defendant for three days the girl on the 28th left him and returned to Hongkong. The defendant accompanying her as far as the Hongkong Ferry pier. She went to a relative in Cockerham Street, and in consequence of her report the police were informed and the defendant was arrested.

In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Webster said the guardian of the girl was her grandmother and not Mr. Ho Cheuk.

Evidence was given by Mr. Ho Cheuk that the defendant entered his service as a chauffeur in November 1921 and that he resigned in December last year. With his consent the girl had lived in his house since 1921, her grandmother, who was formerly a nurse to his wife, having committed her to his care.

Mr. Webster's outline of the case was borne out by the girl's evidence. She said that after the third day in the defendant's house she reported of her action and wanted to return to her grandmother. The defendant was living with his wife, his mother and his sister-in-law. Prior to the 25th she met the defendant in the garden. He asked her to go to his house on the 25th and she promised to do so.

Apportioning the Blame.

Cross-examined by Mr. Webster the girl said the defendant sometimes drove her and Mr. Ho Cheuk's daughter to school. She sometimes asked the defendant to fetch her home from school and often met him at the garden. In June last she gave the defendant a declaration that she wished to marry him, but she did it at the defendant's request.

The Magistrate: It is no good that you and the defendant were in great love. He might have made the suggestion but you did not write it unwillingly. Don't try to put all the blame on him.

The girl then admitted that she wrote the declaration herself.

The Magistrate: And you loved him?

Witness: Yes.

In reply to further questions the girl admitted giving three photos of herself and two other declarations of the same nature to the defendant; but she went back to

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

Married v. Single.

Owing to the United Services being unable to play at China New Year, the Bachelors have challenged the Married members of Hongkong Cricket Club for 10th and 17th February. Play will commence at 11 a.m. The following teams have been selected:

Married.—R. Hancock (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, E. B. Reed, G. R. Sayer, H. E. Holland, Capt. R. G. Sparks, L. D. McNeill, W. Galloway, Capt. Quinlan, M. E. F. Arrey, G. A. Chabwick.
Single.—L. J. Davis, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, P. H. Borthwick, D. B. G. Nicholson, H. H. P. Baker, D. Phillips, Capt. W. W. Hamilton, Lieut. Stamp, R. H. Webb.

FOOTBALL.

Hongkong League Tables.

Division I.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
King's	15	11	2	2	24
Amoy	15	9	5	0	18
H. K. Club	15	7	6	2	16
Tianjin	11	6	5	0	12
Tanah	11	5	5	1	11
Hawkins	12	5	3	4	11
South China	13	5	3	3	11
Kowloon	13	5	3	3	11
R. G. A.	11	5	3	1	11
Durban	11	3	7	1	7
Peking	12	0	6	6	0

Division II.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Hawkins	13	12	1	0	24
King's	12	11	1	0	22
S. China	12	10	1	1	21
United	13	7	3	3	17
Tianjin	12	6	3	3	15
St. Joseph's	9	7	2	0	14
S. China	13	5	3	3	13
Marazion	11	6	1	1	13
R. G. A.	13	5	6	2	12
Kowloon	13	4	7	2	10
University	10	4	1	2	10
Amoy	12	1	8	0	2
Durban	11	3	7	1	7
Wardens	11	3	11	0	6
Police	11	0	12	2	2
Auxiliary	12	0	12	0	0

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

Division I.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Hawkins	7	5	1	1	11
King's	6	4	0	2	10
Amoy	7	4	1	2	10
Durban	5	2	2	1	5
R. G. A.	7	2	1	1	5
Tanah	5	0	2	3	3
Tianjin	7	0	5	2	2
Carlisle	1	1	3	0	2

Division II.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Hawkins	10	8	1	1	17
King's	10	7	2	1	15
R. G. A.	7	2	2	3	7
Macdonald	6	2	4	0	4
Executive	6	1	5	0	2
Durban	7	0	6	1	1

her original statement that she wrote the declaration at the defendant's request. After October she had a quarrel with the defendant, but it was not over the defendant's refusal to marry her. On the 15th she changed her mind because she did not like the defendant's people. During the time the defendant was in Mr. Ho Cheuk's service she gave the defendant two addresses to write to her.

The Magistrate: Who suggested your going away together? He or you?

The girl: The defendant suggested it shortly before he resigned.

The Magistrate: What did you say to it? I promised him, but I did not do it.

The Magistrate: What did the defendant's wife say when you got to defendant's home? She did not mind.

The case was adjourned until Monday.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

A FRENCH BLOCKADE.

Berlin, February 14.
There is consternation in official circles at the report published here that the French intend in a few days to extend the blockade to German seaports. It is even said that a squadron of battle cruisers and a squadron of light cruisers have been earmarked for this under the command of Rear Admiral Dumasnil.

Paris, February 14.
A French report from Dusseldorf asserts that discontent is spreading among the working classes and that all descriptions of unemployed Germans are applying to the French authorities for re-employment, offering to work in the mines and on the railways. It is said that Labour circles admit the present state of affairs cannot continue and resolutions have been passed at many meetings in favour of seeking an agreement with France.

The *Matin* states that following the refusal of the municipality of Gelsenkirchen to pay the fine mentioned yesterday General Degoutte had the leading banking officials of the town arrested.

NEW FRENCH LOAN.

Paris, February 14.
The Government has tabled a Bill authorising the borrowing of thirteen milliards of francs.

CHINESE RHODODENDRONS IN ENGLAND.

London, February 14.
It is pointed out in *The Times* that many new rhododendrons which have been introduced from West China are proving hardy in England at any rate in sheltered gardens.

FRANCE AND RUBBER.

London, February 14.
The Paris Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution calling for the formation of a forward market in rubber, being of opinion that this will materially help French colonial rubber concerns.

EATING BETWEEN MEALS.

A Thing to be Avoided.

Do you know that the stomach needs rest regularly and that eating between meals is a common cause of indigestion?

Do you know what happens when you eat more than you can digest? Do you know that good digestion is impossible unless the blood is rich and red, such blood as comes from the use of Dr. Williams' pink pills?

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So begin to improve your digestion by starting Dr. Williams' pink pills now. Of chemists, or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Kingsway Road, Shanghai. \$1.50 per bottle, \$3.00 for six bottles, post free.

WEDDING.

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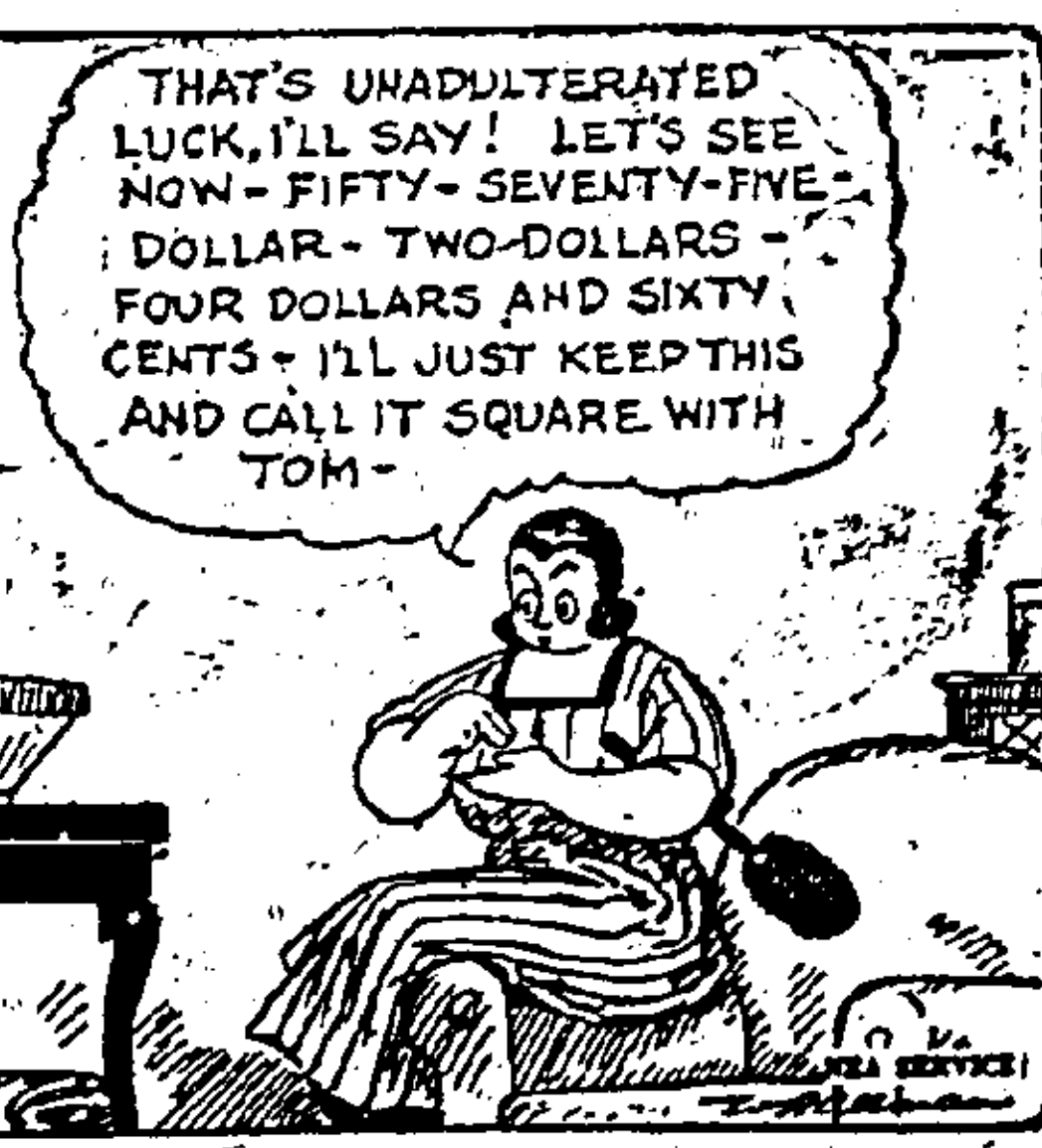
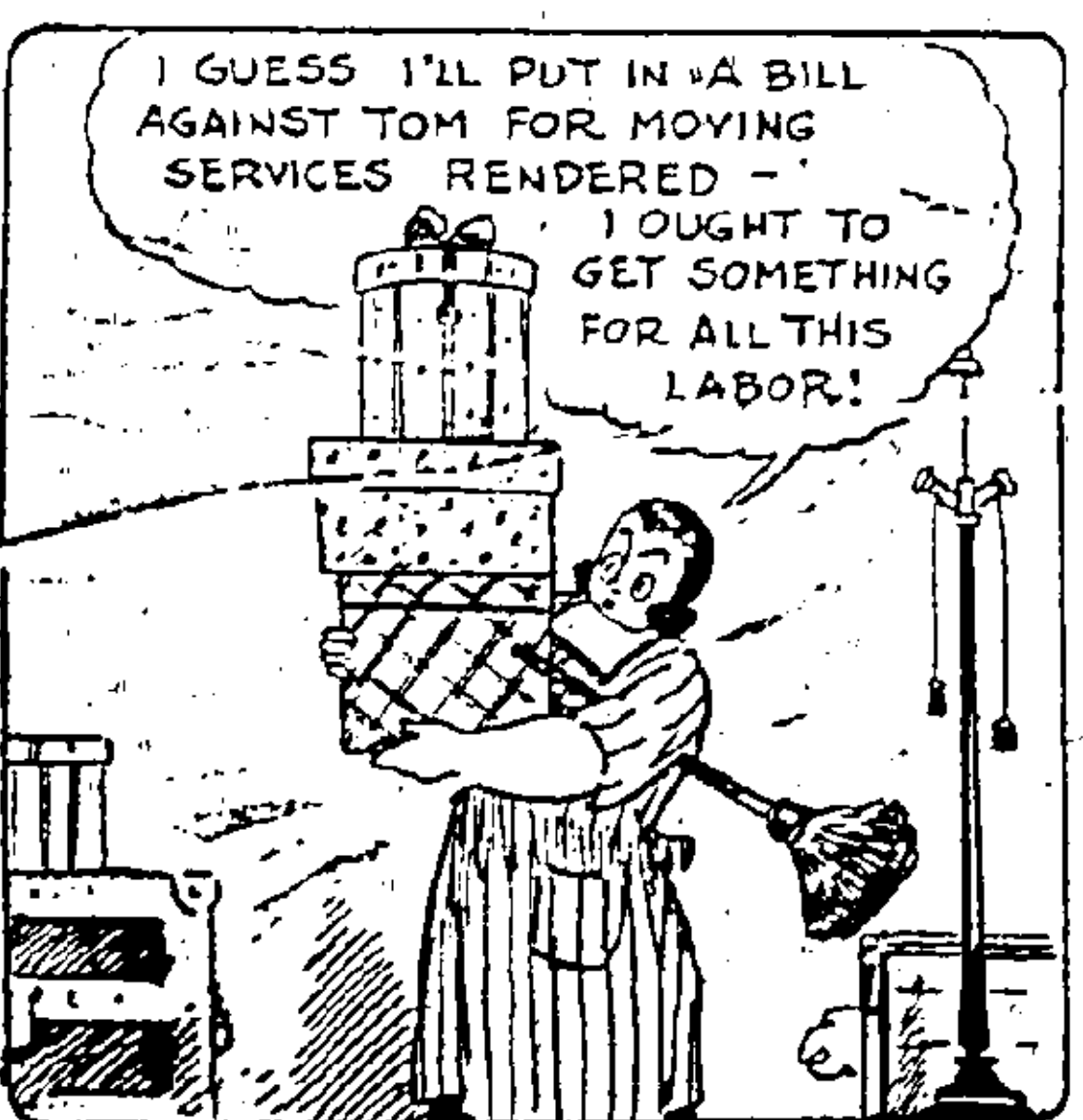
A quiet wedding was solemnised yesterday afternoon at the Union Church by the Rev. J. Kirk Macconnachie between Mr. A. H. Aiers, District Manager of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. (China) Limited, Tientsin, and Miss A.M. Jones, of N. Wales. The bride was given away by Mr. N.C.E. Hockley, Hongkong.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay. Mr. & Mrs. Aiers will be leaving for North China in the near future.

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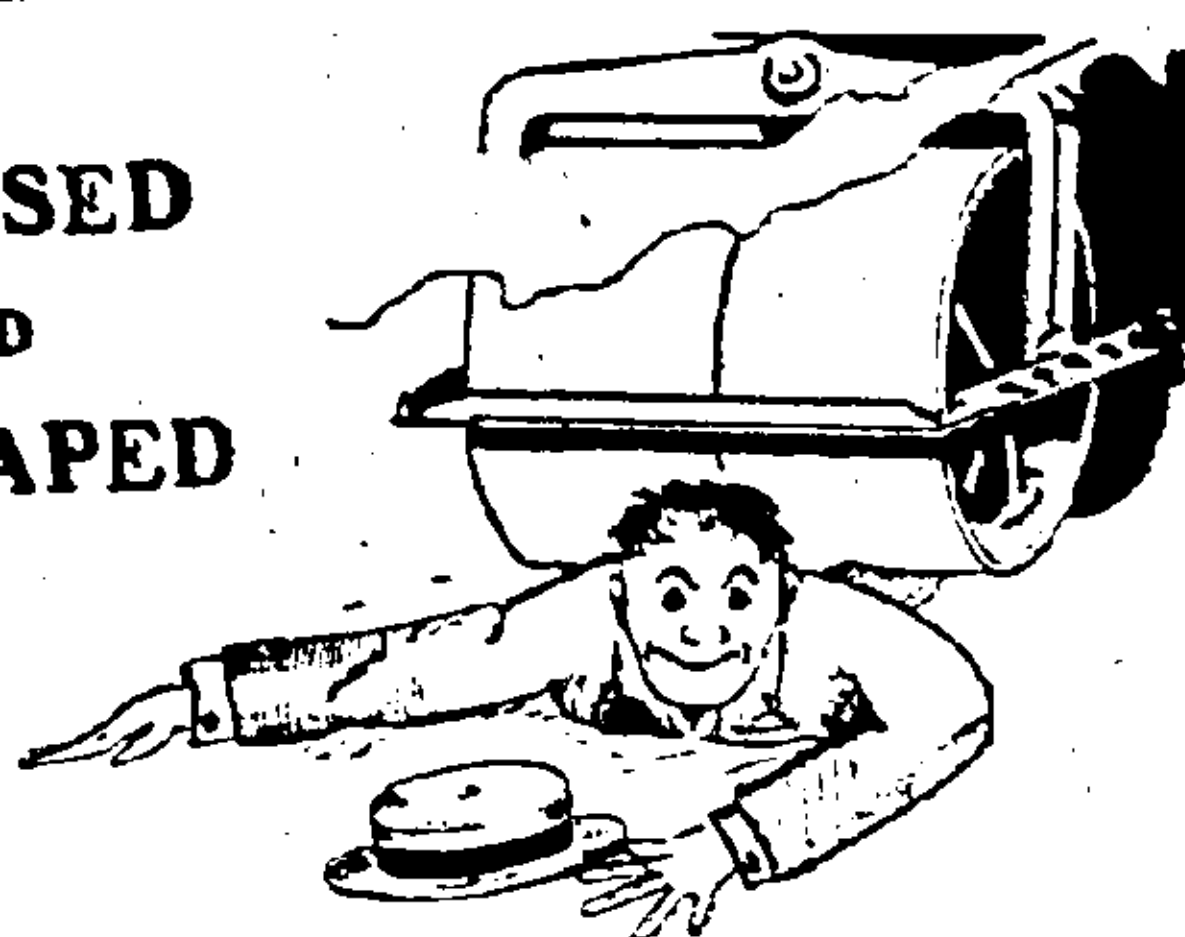
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CANTON, 19, Shark Central, East.

MOTHER PROPHESED DOWNFALL

Empress Frederick Analyzed Her Son.

Berlin, December 22.—Seldom has a mother's verdict regarding her son been more severely condemnatory than that pronounced on the Kaiser by his mother, the Empress Frederick, as shown in her letters published to-day in the biography by Henrietta Schrader, wife of a well-known Liberal politician. And seldom have the former Kaiser and his policies provoked a more scathing judgment.

Wilhelm II was "a very vain, immature, inexperienced and self-willed young man" on his ascent to the throne, his mother wrote. "I shiver at the thought of the turn things may take," she added, "for his self-confidence grows more and more and his insight, on the contrary, does not. How insignificant are the men who surround him and how little a truth penetrates his ears! One trembles when one thinks of the danger in which we live."

Referring to the Kaiser's opposition to democracy and individual liberty and his "ignorance of his own German people," the Empress's correspondence, which helps two large volumes, shows again how different the fate of Europe might have been had Emperor Frederick been permitted to put through his enlightened policies. This is demonstrated in a letter written by the Empress in Hamburg after the visit of Wilhelm II to England, July 18, 1891.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. "I should feel pride and delight over this English visit, as Wilhelm's reception was like a triumphant procession," the Empress remarks ironically. "But how could I do that? Rather deep melancholy will fill me even if I succeed in fighting down more violent and bitter feelings. How much good, especially for Germany, we hoped from this relationship of the two peoples. Instead of that we have been compelled in Germany to see tasks of culture thrust more and more into the background and external power made the aim at the expense of internal consolidation and development. Many evil seeds have sprouted, among them artificially generated poisonous weeds of chauvinism which are rooted in hatred of all foreign nations, especially of England—a comical mixture of envy, mistrust, fear and degradation."

The Empress complains bitterly of her son's treatment of herself and her husband, and closes with the following remarkably prophetic words:

"But the end of the drama is not yet in sight. What may we not live to see! Even a head encircled by an aura of fortune is not immune, and some day may bring its reminder of this. One can almost foresee something of the kind. But there is a special God for children and scatter brains. One can only pray that insight and calm foresight may come without it being necessary to pay for wisdom with disastrous experience. It seems to me monarchy is being put to a hard test, and I shiver at the thought of the turn things may take."

MEXICO AND PROHIBITION.

The Mexican Government is considering the passage of a law making a 35-mile prohibition zone on the international boundary, says a *Rebels* message. Adoption of such a law would have widespread results. It would mean that most towns just south of the United States border would either go dry or be compelled to depend on bootleggers for liquid nourishment.

At present some of the border towns in the United States and Mexico are practically merged, a line of concrete posts designating the border. On one side of such streets prohibition is in effect; on the other saloons are wide open. The Juarez and Tia Juana race tracks may also be affected by such a law and it appears certain that the gambling halls at Juarez, survivors of many sieges and scenes of countless battles since the upheaval in Mexico following the abdication of Diaz, would be abolished.

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COLLARS.



The latest fashion news from France stresses the importance of the collar. Sleeves, which held the spotlight for a couple of seasons, are still important, but now all the Parisian designers have begun experimenting with collars and necklines of various kinds. Their early-season offerings—the V-shaped and the deep Bertha collars (illustrated), were enthusiastically accepted and are very fashionable.

DOUBLES.

A Not Uncommon Possession.

A young officer of unblemished character has just narrowly escaped a long term of imprisonment for fraud owing to the fortunate discovery that he had been mistaken for a "double." In his case he had the assistance of experienced counsel, but one shudders to think how many innocent persons have suffered imprisonment because their defence was not placed before the court by trained advisers.

For the experience of having a "double" is quite common. In all walks of life people are credited with acts which, on inquiry, are found to have been the work of others with a strong physical resemblance. Where the inquiry is not made, the unfortunate victim is prejudiced by the stigma or suspicion cast by the "double."

KING'S DOUBLES.

The late King Edward possessed a remarkable "double" who was quite aware of the circumstance and did not hesitate to fancy himself in the royal part. His present Majesty is under a like disability, for I have seen his "double," who has so marked a personal resemblance to the King that ordinary members of the public may be easily deceived.

Numbers of public men have the same experience, while certain professions, like the Bar, easily fall a victim to "doubles." For a clean-shaven, well-dressed man is often mistaken for a barrister to whom he bears a resemblance, and unfortunate difficulties are sometimes thereby created.

I write feelingly of those things for, during many years, I have had to shoulder the exploits of "doubles." Indeed, the resemblance of some of these "doubles" has been so close that even intimate friends have been misled. It is not always convenient to be supposed to be in one place when, in fact, one is elsewhere, while public men are under the additional risk of being thought to be detected in circumstances from which one desires to be, and is, in fact, free.

ANOTHER KIND.

Another sort of "double" is the man who, without any physical resemblance that deceives others, appropriates one's name and address to cover schemes subsequently found to be fraudulent. It is astonishing, for such has been my experience, to find how credulous tradesmen are in accepting names well-known to them when given by well-dressed strangers who adopt them for their own ends.

For instance, some time ago a long list of shopkeepers in the neighbourhood of Bond-street were induced to part with goods to a stranger who gave my name. Indeed, this same enter-

TRAVEL ON PACIFIC.

Canadian Railway Agent Suggests General Campaign.

San Francisco, December 28.—A plan to advertise the joys of travel on the Pacific Ocean has been suggested by Fred L. Nason, general agent of the passenger department of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is designed to increase trans-Pacific steamship travel between Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and the Orient. Nason says he will have the matter discussed at the next meeting of the trans-Pacific passenger conference.

Nason's plan is to have all the lines donate a certain percentage of their passenger revenue toward a fund to be used exclusively to advertise travel conditions on the Pacific.

"It is high time something was done along intelligent lines to bring to the Pacific a fair share of the steamship travel," said Nason. "Our conference, in which there is a representative of every steamship line on the Pacific, has served to draw us all together and we recognize that something should be done to divert from the cold and storm-tossed waters of the Atlantic a fair share of the travel."

"My proposal is that we agree upon a plan that will create a huge fund. One individual company cannot put it over, but if all co-operate it will be simple. The entire fund then will be expended for printer's ink. The best magazines and leading newspapers will be utilized as advertising mediums. We could educate these people of the United States and Canada regarding the advantages of travel offered on the Pacific."

"The average person associates all ocean travel with the Atlantic. He thus visualizes cold winds, storms, ice-bergs, stuffy cabins, confinement and seasickness. We can jointly teach them that travel on the Pacific Coast and on ships that ply the Pacific, is a thing of joy, safety and pleasure. Then when we get the travel directed this way, each individual concern can go after its share of the business."

prising brigand went so far as to engage a car at a fashionable hotel by the same means and, in my name, left stranded at Taplow an unfortunate lady with the car and the chauffeur. He is now in penal servitude, a shortened period of which I had gained him on a previous exploit, which he thus repaid!

I am convinced that "doubles" are on the increase, and all should be on their guard. For on occasion, it is bad enough in hard times to be one's self. It is more than unfortunate to be credited with the ill deeds of another. "Templar" in *Daily Chronicle*.

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TO LET.—One European Flat in "Lee Building" Wanchai Gap Road, apply to 33 Kennedy Road, Hongkong.

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TO LET.—European Flats in Nathan Road, Kowloon, adjoining Bowring Street and opposite Saifee Terrace. Containing 4 Living Rooms, 2 Bath Rooms, Kitchen and usual Servants Rooms. Flashed Drainage and concrete floor construction. For further particulars and rents apply to J. Caser Clark, Architect, 14 Queen's Road Central.

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FOUND.—Brindle Bull dog white mark on neck & chest and mark C. F. 49, on collar. Owner can have same by applying to S. Hamer, P. W. D.

G. R. NOTICE.

IMPORTS & EXPORTS OFFICE.

Chinese New Year Holidays.

THIS office will be entirely closed on Friday, the 16th February. It will be opened for all purposes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, the 17th. February. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.

P. LOLDY,

Superintendent,

Imports and Exports.

Hongkong 12th February, 1923.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

THURSDAY, 15th. February

THERE will be no Tea Dances in the Hongkong Hotel on the above date.

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NOTICE TO CONSUMERS.

THE supply of electricity will be discontinued between the hours of 9.30 A.M. and 5 P.M. on Friday the 16th. instant owing to alterations at the Company's Generating Station.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

A FANCY DRESS BALL

in aid of above Society

will be held in the

CITY HALL,

on TUESDAY, March 6th.

at 9.30 p.m.

Tickets \$4.00 obtainable at Hongkong Hotel, Cafe Wiseman, The Anderson Music Co., \$1.00 fine for non fancy dress.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

THE Wing Hong Company Limited, whose registered office is situated at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of the purchase by them of the undermentioned vessel they have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "ANTONIO" formerly registered at the Bureau of Customs Manila, Philippine Islands, of gross tonnage 4537.80 tons, register tonnage 2697 tons, heretofore owned by V. Madrigal and Company of Manila aforesaid, for permission to change her name to "WING HONG" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by the said Wing Hong Company Limited.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong this 14th day of February 1923.

S. T. WILLIAMSON,

Permanent Director.

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The Steamship "CITY OF SIMLA"

having arrived, Consignees of

Cargo by her are informed that all

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Holt's Wharf, whence delivery

may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted

after the goods have left the

godowns, and all goods remaining

undelivered after 22nd. February

1923, will be subject to risk.

All claims against the steamer

must be presented to the Under

signed on or before 1st

March 1923, or they will not be

recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged

goods are to be left in the

godowns, where they will be

examined on any Tuesday or

Friday between the hours of 10

45 a.m. and noon, within the free

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No Fire Insurance has been

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NOTICE.

ON Friday and Saturday, the

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all departments will be closed.

On these days

The Hongkong Dispensary,

Dispensing Department, will be

open for dispensing prescriptions

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from

6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1923.

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

Des to advise their numerous patrons that their various Departments will be open during the Chinese New Year Holidays as follows:—

DAIRY DEPARTMENT

Friday 6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday 6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday 6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Sunday 6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday the 23rd day of February, 1923 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and Report of the Directors for year ending 31st December 1922, and declaring a dividend.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WEAPY & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Thirty-Sixth Ordinary Annual Meeting Of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, Feb. 20th, 1923, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1922.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday the 14th February, 1923 until Friday the 23rd February, 1923 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. A. ZEDDA, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2nd, 1923.

FORTHCOMING AUCTION SALES.

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G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction. (For Account of the Concerned),

on WEDNESDAY,

the 21st February, 1923, at 9.30 a.m., at Royal Army Ordnance Corps Depot, Queen's Road East, and Royal Engineers Yard, Wellington Barracks.

The Following Government Stores:—

Gunmetal, Lead, Brass, Steel,

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Catalogues can be had at the Chief Foreman's Office or from the Auctioneers.

Terms of Sale:—Cash on delivery. All faults and errors of descriptions at Purchasers' risk, on the fall of the hammer.

All lots to be cleared within 4 days.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1923.

G. R.

NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 19th. day of February, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land on the S.W. side of the motor road beyond Shaukiwan in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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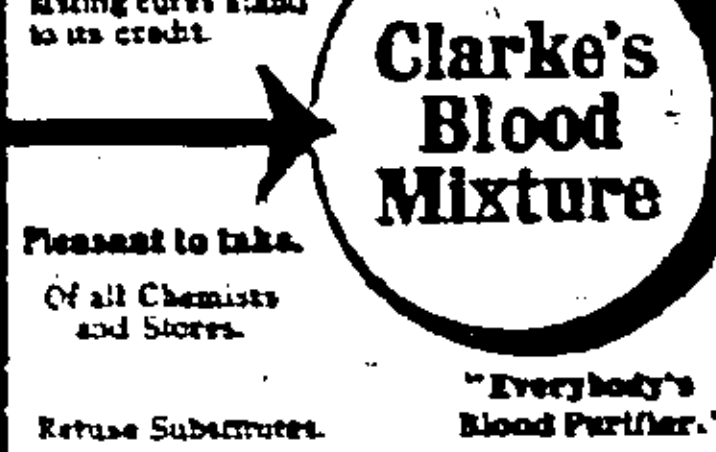
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The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 15th Feb., 1923.

PAST AND FUTURE.

A new year begins for China to-morrow. As we take stock, looking back over the past twelve months and speculate as to the future, we cannot say that we feel the impulses of optimism welling up within us. Politically, the year just ending has been one of chaos and confusion, and we only wish we could see a brighter outlook for the year about to break. But the protests are none too good. There was a time, early in the year, when there seemed hopes of an adjustment of differences between the warring military factions, but these have been terribly falsified, and to-day the country is still in the throes of disorder and factional strife. The Peking Government is insecure, so much so that we have become accustomed to a change of Premier almost every week. It has little or no control over the provinces, whilst financially it is not only unable to meet its obligations on foreign loans, but cannot find the cash with which to pay the officials, troops or police of the country, with the exception of those in and around Peking.

We all know what has happened in the South during the past year—the overthrow of Sun Yat-sen and the subsequent flight of Chan King-ming consequent on the invasion by the Kwangsi-Yunnan troops. Now a fresh development is imminent in the return South of Sun Yat-sen, who evidently thinks the situation there safe enough to permit of his reappearance on the scene. This turn of events we cannot regard as promising well for the future. There was a prospect some little time ago of unification being attained by Sun getting into contact with the North. His return to Canton scarcely encourages us to think that any result will accrue from recent conversations, unless, of course, which appears hardly likely to us, he intends effecting a reconciliation with Chan King-ming as a preliminary step towards a larger union. Dr. Sun's statement that he does not intend reorganising the South China Government, of which he was formerly the head, may mean

little or much. A significant fact, however, is that some of his nominees are still functioning in Canton, and we presume others will come South with him. The happenings of the early days of the year just dawning will undoubtedly have an important bearing on future developments in the political life of the country.

Trade, of course, has suffered badly in consequence of the disturbances of the past year, but in spite of the tremendous handicaps, China commercially has shown really remarkable recuperative power—a tribute to her people, who, could they but be guaranteed peace and quietude, might easily transform the country into one of the richest and most prosperous in the whole world. We wish China and the Chinese all that they could wish themselves in the new year, which, however, will open under none too promising conditions.

Britain and France.

The passages in the speeches in the British Parliament relating to the Ruhr situation remind us that events are shaping themselves towards an exceedingly critical finale. The time must come when either Germany will have to give in or the French authorities will be obliged to use actual force in order to carry out their programme. Cables received yesterday described a tense atmosphere, with both sides uncertain what the next move might have to be. It is like the tenth round of a long contest, when both boxers are well matched, and are practically level on points. The only hope of definite victory then exists in a knock-out blow. We have no doubt that France can emerge victorious, but it will not be an easy victory, and will require further forcible measures. The French authorities appear to be chary of using undue force, and it is only the continued German stubbornness that necessitates the sternest sanctions. As we have previously stated, we feel every sympathy for our Ally in the difficulties she is having to overcome. One feature of the House of Commons debate that particularly concerns us, however, is the statement by the Premier regarding the British forces at Cologne. There can be no doubt as to what would result from a withdrawal—a serious estrangement with France—and we trust that the withdrawal of the British troops will not prove necessary. After so many years of a happy Entente it is difficult to imagine a severance of the close ties between the two neighbours across the Channel.

The Egyptian Vendetta.

It is obvious that a deliberate campaign of murder directed against the British residents—particularly officials and soldiers—is being set on foot in Egypt by the disgruntled sections of the populace. This faction aspires to an absolutely independent Egypt, with control of all departments in the Government. Britain has already made very substantial concessions to the people of the country, and the appointment of a King of their own was one form of meeting them half way. However, the British interests in Egypt are too great to be sacrificed to agitators of any description. The land owes its very prosperity to the work of the pioneers of the race that the extreme Nationalists would now like to see turned out of the country. Well, we are merely observing in Egypt another aspect of the anti-foreign feeling that is gaining so much ground in different parts of the world, pointing to a very interesting position in a decade or two. It is a subject on which were one indiscreet enough, a great deal could be said. One point we cannot help but admit is that everywhere in Africa and Asia the Western races have established themselves as rulers over alien nations, and that it is only natural that there should be unrest under the foreign "yoke," especially when agitators exhibit as much energy in fomenting discontent as they are now doing. The time is probably coming when several subject races will be capable of governing themselves, in a fashion, and when foreign nations will have small excuse for intervention, but that period is not likely to arrive before the days of our great grandchildren.

DAY BY DAY.

THE CONFUSION BETWEEN FACT AND INFERENCE HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF MORE INCOMPETENCE, MORE BAD TEMPER, AND MORE UNHAPPINESS THAN ALL OTHER CONFUSIONS OF MIND PUT TOGETHER.—Mr. R. F. Cholmely.

To-morrow being Chinese New Year, there will be no issue of The Hongkong Telegraph.

The s.s. President Jackson was released from quarantine at half-past five last night.

A Chinese deportee aboard the s.s. Phuenphun jumped overboard during the voyage from Saigon to Hongkong.

Lady Stubbs and her youngest daughter returned to the Colony by the s.s. City of Simla yesterday afternoon.

Amongst the passengers leaving to-day by the s.s. President Jackson, was Sir William Brunsate, for Shanghai.

There were three deaths aboard the s.s. Van Overstraten, from Singapore, including that of a man who jumped overboard and was drowned.

In the Colony's Billiards Championship last evening Mr. Tseng beat Mr. Earnshaw by 500 to 422. The winner's best effort was 40 and the loser's 27.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Atsuta Maru yesterday were Professor and Mrs. Middleton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell and Mr. Marshall Wood.

The agents for the Royal Packet Navigation Co. inform us that the sailing date of the s.s. Van Overstraten has been put forward to the 19th inst. instead of the 21st.

Mrs. Wellington Koo passed through from Singapore by the s.s. City of Simla and was yesterday entertained at Government House by H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs.

Yesterday's health return shows one imported case of small-pox (American), one imported case of cerebro-spinal fever (British) and one case of enteric fever (Chinese).

The master of the steam launch Chi Yik, who had four previous convictions registered against him, was fined \$25, with the option of one month, at the Marine Court this morning, for failing to observe the rule of the road.

The s.s. Ling Kong, built by the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Ltd., for the Shanghai Licensed Pilots' Association, Ltd., left the Yangtzepoo Dock at 8.30 a.m. on February 6th, for the purpose of running her official trials between Shanghai and The Bell Buoy and on the Customs measured mile near the Kaitoon Beacon, the builder's trial having taken place on January 18. The official trials proved satisfactory in every way.

An armed robbery occurred at Shamsui last night, when a grocery shop in the main street was entered by three men. They followed upon the heels of a customer who had gone in to buy sausages, and were enabled to effect a surprise hold-up with revolvers. The usual procedure was followed and eventually the gang escaped with a sum of \$152. Information is just to hand of another affair which occurred at ten o'clock this morning at a house in Centre Street at West Point. Details are not yet available.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Dealing With German Missions.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon. H.E. the Governor, (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) presided and there were also present:—Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney-General, The Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Director of Public Works, The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Colonial Treasurer, The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C., The Hon. Mr. E. D. V. Parr, The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, The Hon. Mr. Ng Hon-tsz, Mr. A.G.M. Fletcher, C.M.G., Clerk of Council.

Financial Votes.

The following votes were referred to the Finance Committee:—\$39,993 on account of Miscellaneous Services, Swatow Typhoon Relief Fund, \$65,500 on account of Public Works Extraordinary, provision of additional accommodation for the staff at Cape D'Aguilar, \$12,956 on account of Sanitary Department, special expenditure, one steam launch.

German Mission Work.

The Council approved of the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the carrying on of the work formerly carried on by certain German societies and persons in the Colony of Hongkong, and to deal with certain property formerly held or administered by, or used in connection with the work of, such societies and persons in the Colony of Hongkong, and to provide for the control of the persons by whom the said work is to be carried on.

In the Objects and Reasons it is explained that the Bill is necessary in order to carry out the provisions of Article 438 of the Treaty of Versailles. During the war, temporary arrangements were made for supervising and carrying on certain parts of the work formerly carried on here by the German Missions, but some permanent arrangement is now necessary. The property formerly belonging to the German missions is at present vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property. The Bill proposes to create a corporation to whom all German mission property is to be transferred and by whom it is to be administered. The corporation will consist of five persons, and the power of appointing successors to the first members of the corporation is vested in the Governor, the intention being that all members of the corporation shall be of the Protestant faith.

Clause 4 of the Bill vests in the corporation all the leasehold property formerly vested in the German missions or in the trustees of those missions. Movable property and cash balances at present held by the Custodian will be transferred to the corporation under an order of the Governor made under the Trading with the Enemy Amendment Ordinance, 1919. In the case of some of the property involved the beneficial ownership is not entirely clear at the moment, but the beneficial interests will be respected so far as possible when they are ascertained. The effect of clause 4, taken in conjunction with the rest of the bill, will merely be to vest the legal interest in the leasehold property in the corporation. A similar remark will apply to the property handed over by the Custodian.

Clause 5 of the Bill deals with the trusts under which the German mission property is to be held. In the first draft of this bill an attempt was made to set out the trusts of each particular portion of leasehold property, but it was found to involve a great amount of detail, and difficulty was experienced in several cases in ascertaining the exact trusts or objects to which the property was intended to be applied by the German mission in question. In some cases, for example, it appeared probable that the property belonged beneficially to the members of a congregation, and not to the German mission itself. This explains the general and somewhat vague form in which sub-clause (1) of clause 5 is drafted, but it will be noticed

TO-MORROW "UNLUCKY."

So Say the Chinese.

To-morrow's New Year Day is, as is probably already known to many foreigners, considered to be an unlucky one by superstitious Chinese. It is, as a matter of fact, the very worst that could occur throughout a whole cycle of 60 years. We have spoken to several Chinese about the matter, and whilst they readily agree that it is an unlucky day, they have been loath to disclose just the reason why. Perhaps the very telling would bring them bad luck. We are indebted to one Chinese friend, however, for the following "rough and ready" explanation:—"You see," he said, "there are four reasons why it is unlucky. In the first place, the coming year does not include a Spring Day festival on the almanac. In the second place, it is a 'split day'—very unlucky. (We couldn't get a very clear idea of what was meant by 'split day' but it is, apparently, evilly portentous). In the third and fourth places, the coming year is the last in a cycle of 60 years and the name of it is made up of the last characters in two groups (one of ten and one of twelve) which are used in rotation and which go to make up all the names of the sixty years which complete a cycle. The two end characters of each group come together in this New Year—the name of which is *Kwai Hoi*."

Our readers will now possibly understand as well as we do why to-morrow is being considered "unlucky" by the Chinese, some of whom, we hear, are postponing their usual complimentary calls until the following day.

that the general intention of that sub-clause is to use any particular property only for the purpose of carrying on some part of the work formerly carried on by the particular mission to whom the property formerly belonged.

Sub-clause (2) of clause 5 subjects to the same trusts as the leasehold property any property handed over by the Custodian, and in this case also the property will be earmarked for the work of the mission to which it formerly belonged.

Sub-clause (4) of clause 5 is inserted to make it quite clear that the Basel Mission pension scheme for superannuated catechists and others, and for the dependents of deceased catechists, etc., is to be carried out. The reason for the reference to service out of the Colony is that part of the endowment of the pension fund is situated in China.

Sub-clause (5) of clause 5 gives the corporation power to transfer the trust property to any other person upon such trusts as the corporation may determine. It is hoped that under this sub-clause the corporation may eventually dispose of all the German mission property by transferring it to other bodies or trustees who will carry on particular parts of the former German mission work. For example, a chapel might be assigned to trustees for the Chinese congregation, should that congregation show itself capable of self-government. Again, the Industrial Institute for the Blind at Kowloon City might be assigned to trustees for the Church Missionary Society, by whom the Institute is now being managed and by whom it will probably continue to be managed. Sub-clause (6) of clause 5 gives to the corporation absolute discretion in determining the manner in which the trusts of the German mission property are to be carried out. This power may appear wide, but the considerations referred to above seem to make it unavoidable.

Bills Passed.

The following Bills passed through their final stages:—The Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884. The Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, 1921.

U. S. IMMIGRATION BAR.

Washington, Feb. 5. The house immigration committee today approved the section of the proposed permanent act providing for the exclusion of Japanese immigrants, also the reduction of the percentage of aliens from Europe. The bill states: "An immigrant ineligible to citizenship shall not be admitted into the United States."

THE RACES.

YESTERDAY'S TRAINING TIMES.

PONY'S NAME	Distance	1/4	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 3/4	Last
		Mile	Mile	Mile	Mile	Miles	Miles	Miles	quarter
Minnehaha	1	37.4	1.14	1.43	2.30	---	---	---	32
Meadow Gd	1	36.2	1.11	1.45.3	2.19	---	---	---	33.2
Snodgrass Pearl River	1	35.3	1.11.2	1.48	2.22	---	---	---	34
Teamahat	1 1/2	42	1.22	---	---	---	---	---	40
Nimrod East River	1 1/4	37	1.13.2	1.49	2.22	---	---	---	33
Invincible King	1 1/4	44	1.21	2.00	2.38.3	3.11.1	---	---	32.3
King's Mer	1 1/4	35	1.09.2	1.43	---	---	---	---	33.3
Righting King	1 1/4	38.2	1.10.3	1.45	2.20	2.50.2	---	---	30.2
Chang-fao-lin	1 1/4	35	1.08.4	1.41	---	---	---	---	33
Harvest King	1 1/4	35	1.08.2	1.41	2.15.3	---	---	---	31.3
Dray	1	39	1.15	1.52	2.26	---	---	---	34
Yash	1 1/4	37	1.12	1.45	---	---	---	---	33
Yellow River and West	1 1/4	32	1.08	1.40.2	2.15	---	---	---	34.3
River	1	39.1	1.17	1.52	2.24.2	---	---	---	32.2
Veteran King	1	38.2	1.15	1.59	2.23	---	---	---	33
Jave-a-Snack	1	36	1.11	1.44	2.16.4	---	---	---	32.4
Artemore and Prior Muir	1 1/4	40	1.15	1.46	---	---	---	---	31
Ding Dong	1 1/4	36.1	1.12	1.45.4	2.21.3	2.54.1	---	---	32.3
Satisfaction Dahlia	1 1/4	34.4	1.11	1.45.1	2.16.4	---	---	---	31.3
Ideal Dahlia	1 1/4	35.1	1.07.2	1.38.4	---	---	---	---	30.4
Peerless Dahlia	1 1/4	40.2	1.19	1.51	---	---	---	---	32
Diadem Dahlia	1 1/4	34.1	1.07.4	1.42.1	2.16.1	2.49	---	---	32.4
Orient Dahlia	1 1/4	36	1.11.2	1.46.4	2.19.2	2.51	---	---	31.3
Penguin Dahlia	1 1/4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

MUI TSAI BILL.

Talk of "Slavery" Resented.

REPLY TO HOME CRITICS

There was considerable discussion of the Mui Tsai Bill at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, a feature of the remarks being spirited protests against the statements made at Home regarding "slavery" in Hongkong. The Bill had been left in Committee stage from the last meeting, but prior to its consideration, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock asked the following questions:—

1.—Is it not the fact that, by Chinese custom, a parent of a mui tsai who wishes to get her back from her employer, is bound to repay to such employer the sum of money which such employer has paid to such parent for the transfer of such mui tsai to the employer?

2. Has not such custom been followed by the officials of the Chinese Secretariat in regard to the redemption of a mui tsai by her parent from her employer?

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax replied as follows:—

1.—According to Chinese custom, it is the usual but not the invariable custom for some repayment to be made.

2.—The S.C.A. acts solely in the interests of the girl and does not regard herself as being in any way bound by the custom. The practice of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs is based on section 32 of Ordinance 4 of 1897, and we never lose sight of the fact that the guardianship of any girl for whose transfer money has been paid is vested in the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, against the parents as much as against other parties. In all cases where mui tsai are concerned, the case of the girls is entrusted by the S. C. A. to nobody until full enquiry has been made in the Office and in the Po Leung Kuk; and the ruling consideration is always the best interest of the girls. No opposition is offered to a monetary arrangement being reached between the parties themselves, but failure to reach such an arrangement would not be allowed to stand in the way of a decision in the interests of the girl.

In voicing his protest against what he described as "gross misrepresentations," Mr. Holyoak said that it was up to the fair name of this Colony to challenge the statements made at Home that there was wholesale slavery and the public selling of slaves in Hongkong. If such had been the case, the British people of the Colony would have legislated long ago, and the passing of the Bill would have been unnecessary but for the campaign of atrocious mis-statements made by people who were seeking self-advertisement.

Mr. Parr associated himself with Mr. Holyoak and told of how, when in England last, he heard a sermon preached in which the person urged action to stop "the Chinese girl slaves in the public market place of Hongkong." Both the press and platform at Home had been used for the propagation of exaggerated absurdities.

Housing Problem.

Public Meeting to be Held.

Under the auspices of the Constitutional Reform Association, a public meeting is to be held at the City Hall on the 23rd. instant, when the following resolutions will be submitted:—

1.—That the Housing Problem is the most serious problem confronting the local Administration; it lies at the root of the high cost of living, it explains in large measure the constantly increasing rate of wages, and it constitutes a perpetual menace to the health and well-being of the community.

2.—That the Housing Problem can only be solved in accordance with the ordinary economic law of supply and demand.

3.—That the aim of the Government should be to encourage house-building both by corporations and private individuals by the following, amongst other, methods:—

(i) Opening up suitable areas (i.e., areas containing a number of sites in close proximity to one another requiring a minimum expenditure upon preparation) by providing cheap and rapid means of access (e.g., by the construction of long-promised tramway to Wanchai Gap, to the south side of the Island via Wong Nei Cheong Gap, and through the Kowloon peninsula).

(ii) Levelling extensive areas for building purposes, where the configuration of the land shows that course to be expedient, and planning settlements before the lots are offered for sale to the public, on lines similar to those followed by private enterprise at Kowloon Tong.

4.—That in considering the provision of means of transit the Government should follow the example set by municipal bodies at Home and give greater weight to the convenience of the public than to the immediate financial aspect, especially as all land in this Colony is the property of the Crown, which therefore profits directly by its development.

5.—That though unoccupied land may be regarded as a potential asset, occupied land is an immediate and continuous source of revenue to the Treasury, and therefore the policy of selling land to the first applicant at a standard price, without auction, might be tried with advantage in outlying districts.

6.—That the principle of European "reservations" be given much wider application.

7.—That the resolution passed by the public meeting held under the auspices of this Association on November 7th, 1918, be reaffirmed, viz., that "the Government be asked to appoint a Commission to inquire into the Housing Problem and Transit questions in connection with the same."

8.—That this meeting regard as one of the practical measures offering a partial solution of the existing housing problem of Hongkong the formation of a Co-operative Building Society with a view to some definite scheme being formulated for the provision of a large

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Many additions might be made to our examples of the mixed beers of four forefathers. A French traveller of 1695 declared there were a thousand liquors then in vogue, and enumerated many names that might well put an American cocktail artist on his mettle. "Old Pharaoh" was a very strong ale; "Knockdown" justifies its title by being stronger still, and "Humpty Dumpty" was a "nice light wine" consisting of beer and brandy boiled together. And similar compounds boasted such names as "Huguenot," "Foxcomb," "Blind Pinneaux," and "Stifle."

A resident of Brockton, Massachusetts, is endowed with what is believed to be the shortest name in the United States—Eda Ek. Miss Ek, who is of Swedish origin, claims descent from a well-known 18th-century explorer, John Ek. At least one French surname consists of a single letter—O, which is also the name of a village near Argenton, in Normandy. Some years ago a bearer of this surname, when called up for military service, declared that he was unable to read or write, so was instructed to place a cross on the official papers in the parts where signature should have appeared. "Why a cross?" asked a newspaper writer, commenting on this incident. "Is not O as easy to write as X?" The case of the notorious German Captain Boy-Ed, in the United States during the war will be remembered. He had the shortest double-barrelled name on record.

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9.—That this public meeting desires to urge upon the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies the absolute necessity, in the interests of the commercial and residential expansion of the Colony, of the present Military Establishments being transferred from their present sites to other sites.

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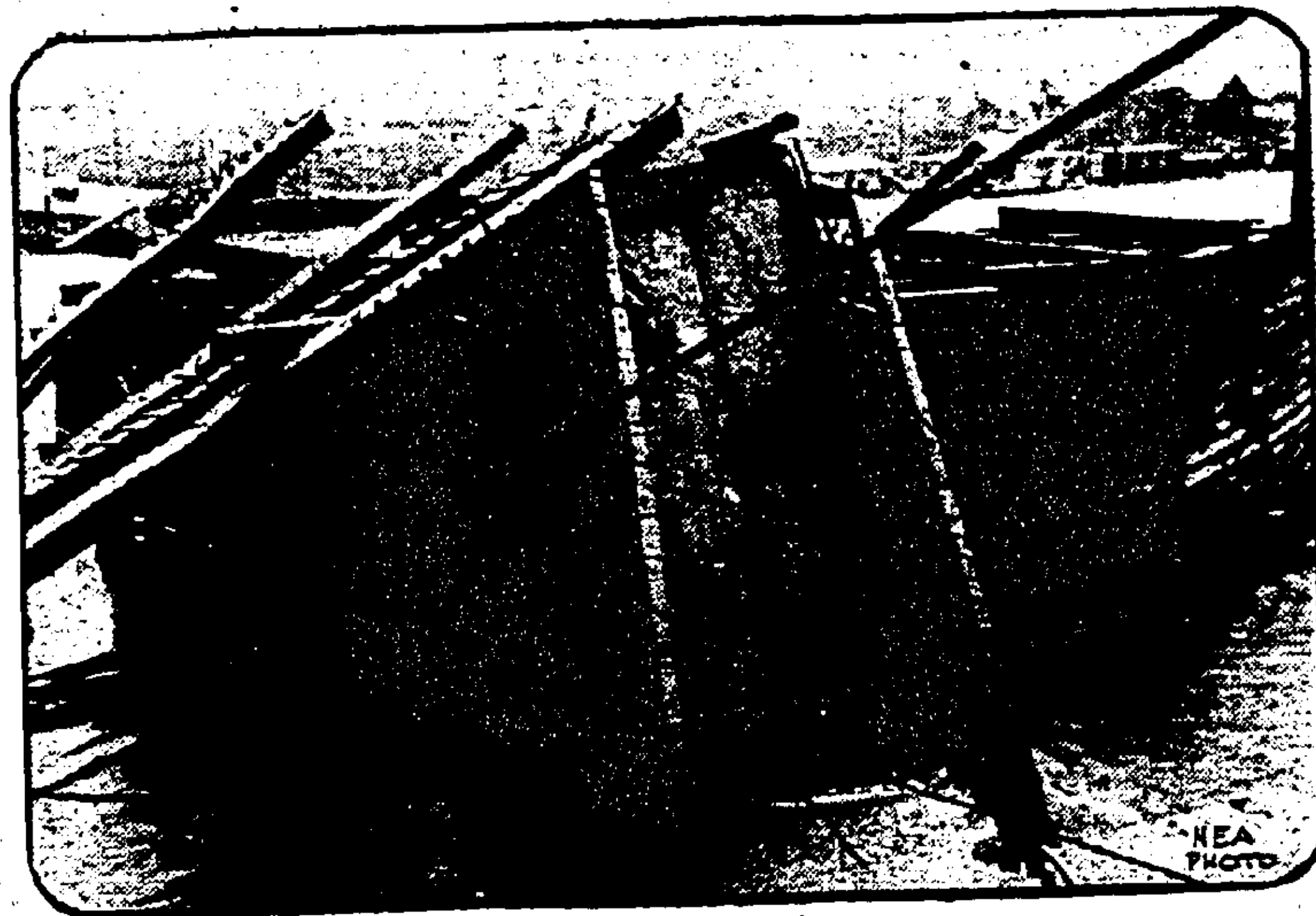
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The once war-like Sheik ul Islam, who was credited with inciting Moslems to massacres of Armenians, is now a refugee from Constantinople in Cairo.



This remarkable action photo shows a group of English women football players poised in mid-air. This photo was taken during a game at Sudbury Hill.



How the Kelso (Washington) suspension bridge over the Cowlitz River looked after it had broken under the strain of a crowd of spectators watching a log-jam, dropping people and vehicles into the water. Several were killed.



MR. ROOSEVELT JR. AND SECRETARY DENBY REVIEWING CADETS

Cadets of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis being reviewed by the Secretary of Navy.



Great suffering was caused in Modena, Italy, when the small town was nearly wiped out recently by a landslide which swept down the mountain. Here is a section of the destroyed area.



Here are two women on trial in a Japanese court. They have to wear baskets over their heads concealing their faces.



Mr. Lindsay Crawford, Irish Consul representing the Free State, held his desk in the New York office and conducted official business despite the proximity of the Republican Consul and Sinn Féin guard in adjoining room.



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Rockefeller Foundation's Work in Borneo.

The Rockefeller Foundation is ridding British North Borneo of the hookworm pest in the same way it is undertaking this work in the Philippines according to Dr. Clark H. Yeager, who has been in charge of the work and is now in Manila en route to the United States or leave of absence.

He says the work has proved to be of economic advantage to corporations in Borneo and that there is little difficulty in securing the willingness of workmen to undergo the treatment, which is not severe, by giving ocular proof of the parasites they innocently harbour.

Dr. Jocelyne, at the Ranau estate at Kudat, Borneo, found that the treatment there effected a saving of \$3,000 among 1,500 workmen, of whom some 15 had been in the hospital at one time, on the average, from groundaga, i.e., ulcerated feet caused by the worms. Once a community is free from the parasites, it can keep that way by proper sanitary measures, as it is only necessary to avoid the dirt that sanitation effectively removes through means available on any plantation or at any industrial plant.

One of the most conservative medical men regarding anti-hookworm treatment, Yeager says, is the British provincial medical officer in the Straits Settlements. He has estimated that only 410 of 1 per cent. of the deaths among coolies in that region are attributable to hookworm infection. On this basis the situation at a coal property was analyzed. There were 2,000 men employed, and 410 of 1 per cent. worked out to eight deaths a year from hookworms. As it cost \$150 to bring in a coolie, this was costing the company, looking at it from a purely commercial standpoint, \$1,200 a year. The cost of administering the treatment, the carbon-tetrachloride injections proved efficacious here by Dr. Teach, Dr. Haughwout and Major Ash, in their treatment of Bilhid inmates, is very slight.—*Manila Daily Bulletin.*

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KOBE	Hosang	Thurs. 22nd Feb. at noon
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Thurs. 22nd Feb. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kutsang	Thurs. 22nd Feb. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Hopsang	Fri. 23rd Feb. at 10 a.m.
BANGKOK	Chunsang	Sat. 24th Feb. at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	Chipsing	Sat. 24th Feb. at noon
BANGKOK via Swatow	Fooshing	Mon. 26th Feb. at noon
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The Cleveland relayed the message to Shanghai, and the tug Sampson, under the command of Captain Jensen, was despatched to her aid. The Sampson took the sailing vessel in tow and brought her safely into port yesterday afternoon.

Seated before a comfortable open hearth fire in Captain Kaiser's cabin, the latter told a representative of the North China Daily News the story of his trip.

"This last trip is the longest I have ever made," Captain Kaiser said. "Not once did we put into port during the whole time, and we never dropped anchor until a few hours ago. The longest previous trip I made was from New York to Yokohama which took 144 days of continuous sailing. Before then I made many trips to the west coast of South America from Germany, but they were only a matter of some 67 or 70 days and hardly worth considering."

"We sailed from Hamburg on July 13," he continued, "and after passing through the English Channel, we stood out to sea and headed straight for the Cape of Good Hope. During the first part of the trip the weather held fine and we had quartering winds most of the way."

"After rounding the Cape we had the first bit of hardship. Leaving the Umpay passage we were becalmed for nearly 30 days and our supply of fresh water became exhausted. Finally it rained and we caught more than enough for all hands. A fresh water bath certainly was appreciated because the heat had been terrific."

"Following the rain, we encountered a series of squalls in the South Seas. The wind was continually shifting and it was difficult to work the ship. After about two weeks, the squalls ceased as suddenly as they had begun, and we held our course for the Yellow Sea and tried to make up some of the lost time."

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 "The fair winds, however, did not hold as we made our way up the coast. The wind veered to the northwest and the weather turned much colder. The barometer kept falling and I knew we were in for a bit of real weather. The wind increased in force lashing up a high sea. Several sails were torn to ribbons, but the halfyards and all stays remained fast."

"It was while we were trying to make port at Kiaochow that we ran into the worst storm. For four days we were buffeted about with decks awash. Two big waves crashed the galley doors and flooded the galley, thereby cutting off our food supply for a couple of days. I saw that while the wind held in that quarter it was impossible to make port, so headed for safety and the open sea."

"We ran before the gale, but on the second night the steering gear broke. It was impossible to make the necessary repairs at sea so I wireless for help to the President Cleveland, outward bound for Japan ports. They asked if I was in immediate danger, and offered to come to my assistance but I replied that we were safe but were unable to steer, and asked that my message might be relayed to Shanghai for a tug."

"Two days later Captain Jensen on the Sampson hailed us and took us in tow and brought us up the river to-day. As soon as the necessary repairs to the rudder have been made and we have taken on some fresh supplies, we shall sail again for our original destination, Chinwangtao."

Captain Kaiser stated that he had no local agents in Shanghai but that he had cabled his owners, in Hamburg, reporting his safe arrival and asking for instructions.

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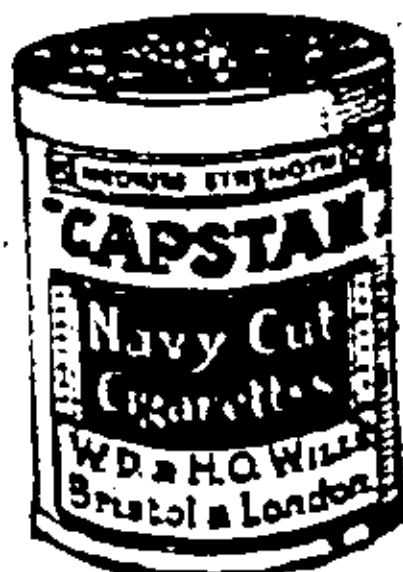
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for the loss sustained by the
China Specie Bank, the case
against Lau Pui-sun, otherwise
known as P. S. Lewis, was with-
drawn this morning, on applica-
tion made by Mr. M. K. Lo. The
defendant was alleged to have
embezzled certain valuable
securities and cashed these, the
amount involved being given at
\$12,553.75.Mr. Lo said that he was in-
structed by the prosecution, but
after going more fully into the
evidence, it appeared to him to
be doubtful as to how far they
could proceed and offer evidence
against the defendant. The
defendant's relatives felt how-
ever, that money had been lost
to the bank through failure care-
fully to discharge his duties, and
as a matter of fact, they felt it
moral duty, without admitting
any criminal liability, to
pay a certain sum to the Bank by
way of recognition of this moral
duty. He (Mr. Lo) had placed all
the facts and circumstances before
Mr. G. N. Orme, who had been
appointed official provisional
liquidator of the China Specie
Bank, and the latter had authoris-
ed him to make this application.
Mr. Orme, in reply to his Wor-
ship, said he was agreeable to a
withdrawal, subject to the nec-
essary assistance which the de-
fendant might be called upon to
give in the matter.
The application was granted.

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the leased territory.The idea is that an enemy is
advancing from the north on
Hongkong. His leading Battal-
ion, represented by the 24th
Bombay Grenadiers, has been
located by the patrols of the
Garrison bivouacking at Tai Po
Market on the afternoon of the
10th.The commander of the Hong-
kong Garrison, wishing to delay
the advance of the enemy while
he strengthens his defence, sends
out detachment, consisting of the
2nd Bn. the King's Regiment,
together with some artillery and
other troops to hold up the North-
erners for as long as possible.
Details of the arrangements
cannot be published, because to
do so would give away to each
commander the plans of his ad-
versary, but we may say that if
any of our readers wish to see the
show, they should be at the top
of Smugglers Pass at about noon
or shortly after. An officer, dis-
tinguished by a red band on his
arm, will be told off to explain
the operations to spectators.& Mrs. Robt. Maxwell, Mr.
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Chinese pleaded that he found
the bird wandering under a rail-
way bridge with no one to take
care of it, so he took it under
his own care.A word from Inspector Lan-
gman was sufficient to dis-
pel further doubts as to
the validity of the charge.
Accused was arrested in actual
possession of the bird. He had
tucked it under his coat, the only
part of its anatomy visible being
the head, which was protruding
between the lapels. It was the
clucking noise made by the bird
which attracted the attention of
a policeman, with the result that
the present charge was brought.
Sentence of a month's hard
labour was inflicted by his
Worship.ARMED ROBBERIES.
Two Men Charged To-Day.Two men, who are alleged by
the police to have been concerned
in two highway robberies near
the junction of Lai-chikok and
Taipo Roads, appeared at the
Police Court this morning and
were remanded on the application
of Inspector Grant.
In giving an outline of the case,
the inspector said that the
defendants were arrested on the
receipt of information at Sham-
shipo. Various articles stolen in
the robberies were recovered in
the defendants' house as well as
a revolver. The practice of the
robbers had been to wait for
people at these crossroads, and
hold them up with daggers.
There was another member of the
same gang who had not been
arrested.The hearing of the two cases
was adjourned until Thursday
next.

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